

REMARKS

There remains pending in this application claims 1-8, of which claim 1 is independent. No claims are being added or cancelled.

Favorable consideration and entry of the above amendments after allowance are respectfully sought.

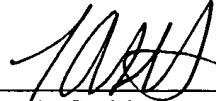
Applicants have reviewed the claims and have made minor formal corrections therein. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment merely address grammatical or clerical errors and do not in any way change the scope of the claims. Entry thereof is respectfully sought.

Applicants have also requested entry of two minor amendments to the specification. Each corrects a formal error believed to be self evident and thus does not introduce new matter. Favorable consideration and entry of the amendments is respectfully sought.

Favorable consideration together with entry of the above amendments under rule 312 is respectfully sought.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Stahl', written over a horizontal line.

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